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Semidi Islands and Vicinity

NOAA Chart 16587

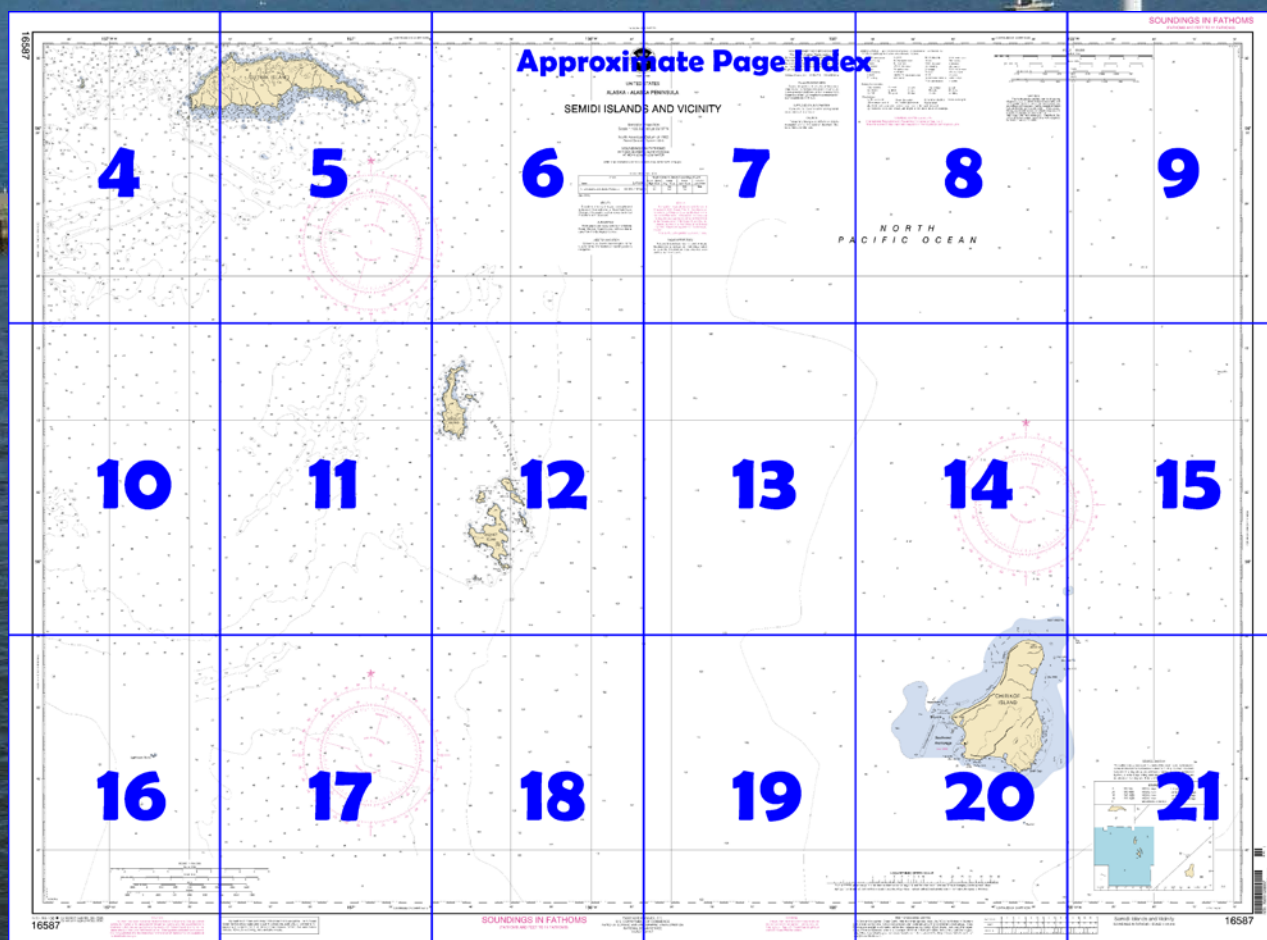


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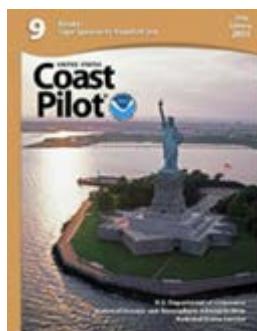
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Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

The **Semidi Islands** are about 90 miles SW of Kodiak Island, and about 23 miles SE of Foggy Cape.

Aghiyuk Island, the N of the group, is long and narrow and rises vertically from the shoreline in high rocky cliffs that are practically unscalable, especially along the W side of the island. In the S center of the island is a grassy plateau, with a prominent rockpile, the highest point on the island, rising to over 1,000 feet.

On the E side of the island is a fair-sized bight, with a sandy beach that is clear except near its N end, where kelp-marked rocks extend offshore. E of the bight, about 1 mile offshore, is small sheer-sided **Aghik Island**,

528 feet high. Scattered ledges and rocks extend about 700 yards off the SE point of Aghik Island.

Anchorage can be had 400 to 600 yards off the bight in 6 to 9 fathoms, sand bottom. It can be safely approached from the NE, passing Aghik Island about 600 yards off; or from the SE on a midchannel course between Aghik Island and Aghiyuk Island.

A small group of rocks is 600 yards W of the SW point of Aghiyuk Island. The highest has an elevation of 20 feet.

Chowiet Island, the S large island, is triangular in shape, and has sheer cliffs alongshore, especially on its W side. It reaches a height of 810 feet near its W side, slightly N of its center. The island has alder- and grass-covered ridges with many bedrock outcrops and cairn-shaped rockpiles. Some of the latter are very large and in various odd forms.

At the S end of Chowiet Island is a small bay formed by a chain of low rocks and two steep-sided islets extending SE; **Aliksemit Island** is the largest. The S shore of Chowiet Island is a Steller sea lion rookery site.

There is a 3 mile vessel exclusionary buffer zone around this rookery which encompasses most of the island and islets off shore. (See **50 CFR 223.202**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) In emergency situations anchorage, with about 200 yards swinging radius, can be had in the N center of the bay in 20 fathoms, sand bottom. This bay is protected from SW through W to NW.

A double bay is on the NW side of Chowiet Island which also offers emergency anchorage in the center of the E arm in 15 fathoms, sand bottom. This anchorage most favorable for winds from the NE and around through E to SE, but a SW swell creates considerable surge. Additional and emergency anchorage can be had in the center of the W arm in 22 fathoms, sand bottom, and provides about 250 yards swinging radius and is favorable for winds out of the E and around through S to SW. This anchorage is less subject to surge with a SW swell than in the E arm.

Kateekuk Island, 0.6 mile NW of Chowiet Island, is 0.8 mile long, 0.4 mile wide, and 509 feet high. Between this island and Chowiet Island to the S, and Aghiyuk Island to the N, are strong tidal currents that cause very bad tide rips.

Anowik Island, 591 feet high, and **Kiliktagit Island**, 404 feet high, are about 1.2 miles NE of the N end of Chowiet Island. Between these islands and Chowiet Island are strong currents that cause moderate tide rips; a heavy SE swell piles up excessively.

Suklik Island, 345 feet high, is about 0.9 mile S of Kiliktagik Island and about 1.2 miles E of Chowiet Island. A low flat rock is about 150 yards off the NW end of the island, and numerous sheer pinnacles extend S about 0.5 mile.

South Island, 2 miles SW of Chowiet Island, is a huge bare rock, 260 feet high, with vertical sides. Several high, sheer rock pinnacles are just W of it. The breaker charted about 5.5 miles WSW of Chowiet Island is reported to be much closer to the island.

Strong tidal currents and bad tide rips are found among the Semidi Islands, especially in the channels, between Aghiyuk and Kateekuk; and between the latter island and Chowiet.

Lighthouse Rocks (55°47'N., 157°25'W.) are spread over an area 0.2 mile in diameter that is 27 miles SW of Chowiet Island and 57 miles W of Chirikof Island; the largest rock is 500 feet long and 90 feet high. Deep water surrounds these barren rocks and they can be safely approached to within 0.5 mile; there are large sea lion rookeries on the rocks. A S set is generally experienced between Lighthouse Rocks and Chirikof Island.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Juneau	Commander	
	17th CG District	(907) 463-2000
	Juneau, Alaska	

Table of Selected Chart Notes

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CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

HEIGHTS

Elevations of rocks, bridges, landmarks and lights are in feet and refer to Mean High Water. Contour and summit elevation values are in feet and refer to Mean Sea Level.

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NOTE A

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

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AUTHORITIES

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Mercator Projection
Scale 1:135,000 at Lat 56°07'N

North American Datum of 1983
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SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS
(FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS)
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

NOTE X

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

COLREGS, 80.1705 (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
		feet	feet	feet
Unavikshak Island, Alaska Peninsula	(56°30'N/175°44'W)	9.1	8.2	1.4

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Jan 2012)

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
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B black	Iso isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT HO lighthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

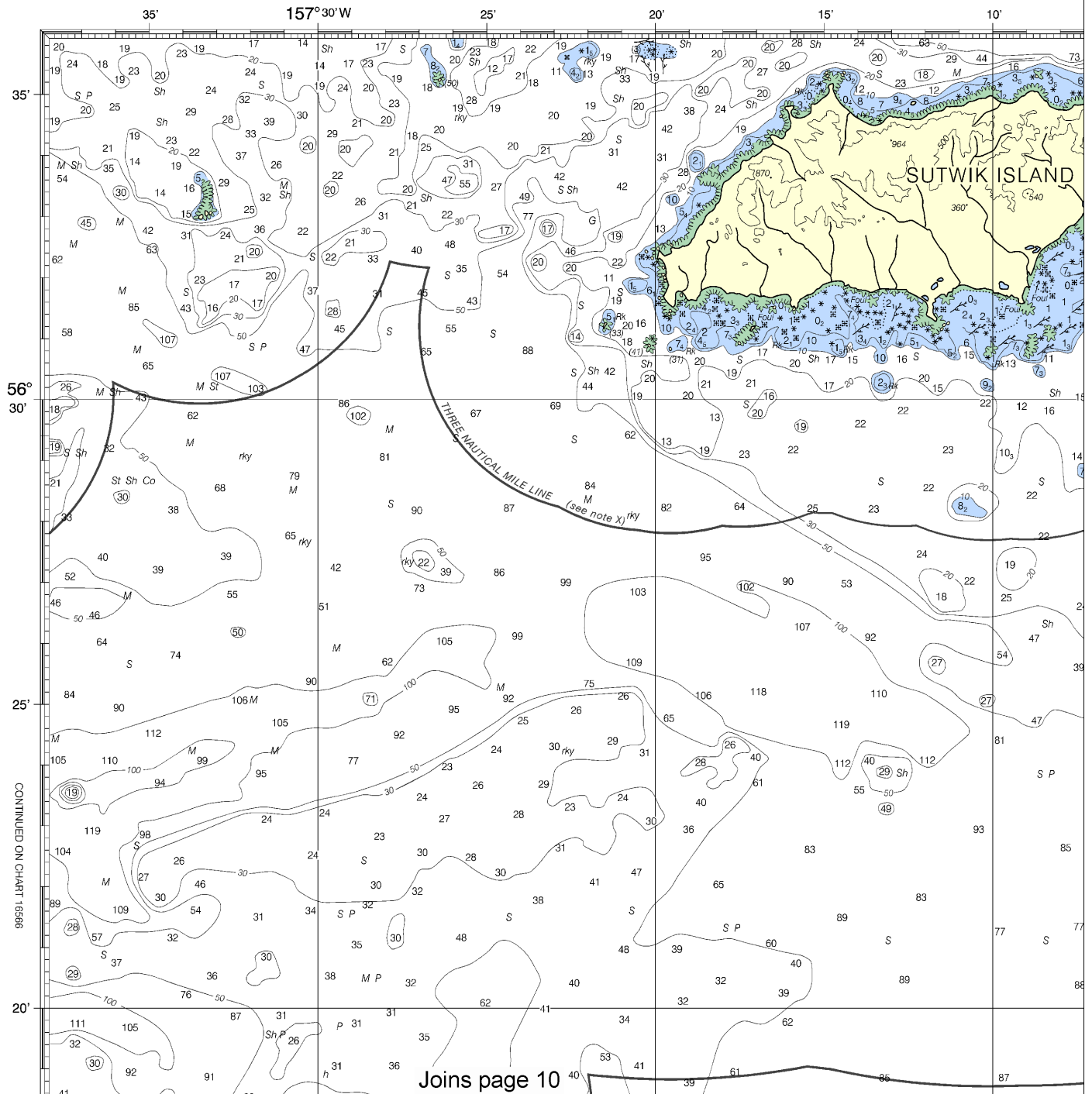
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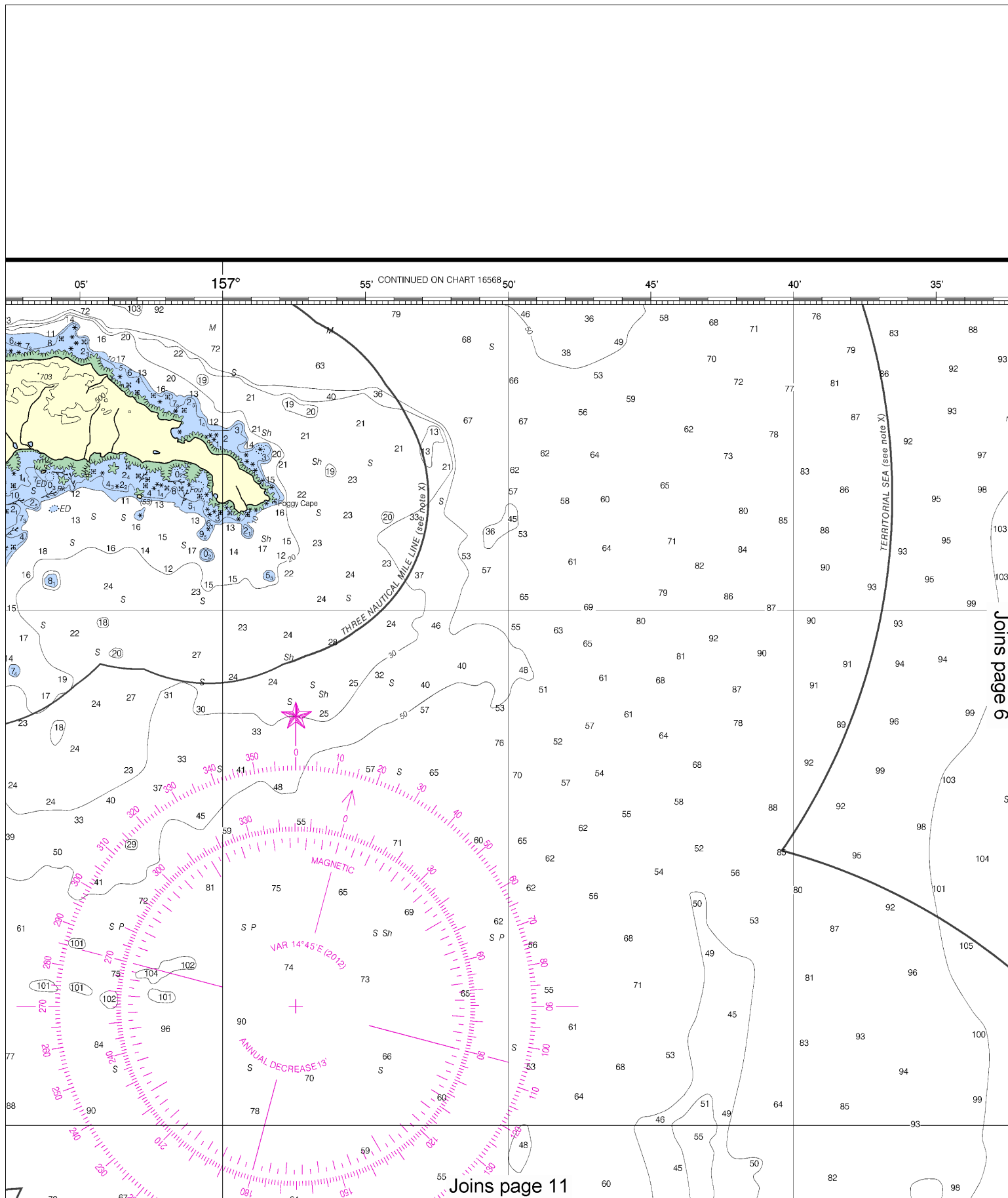
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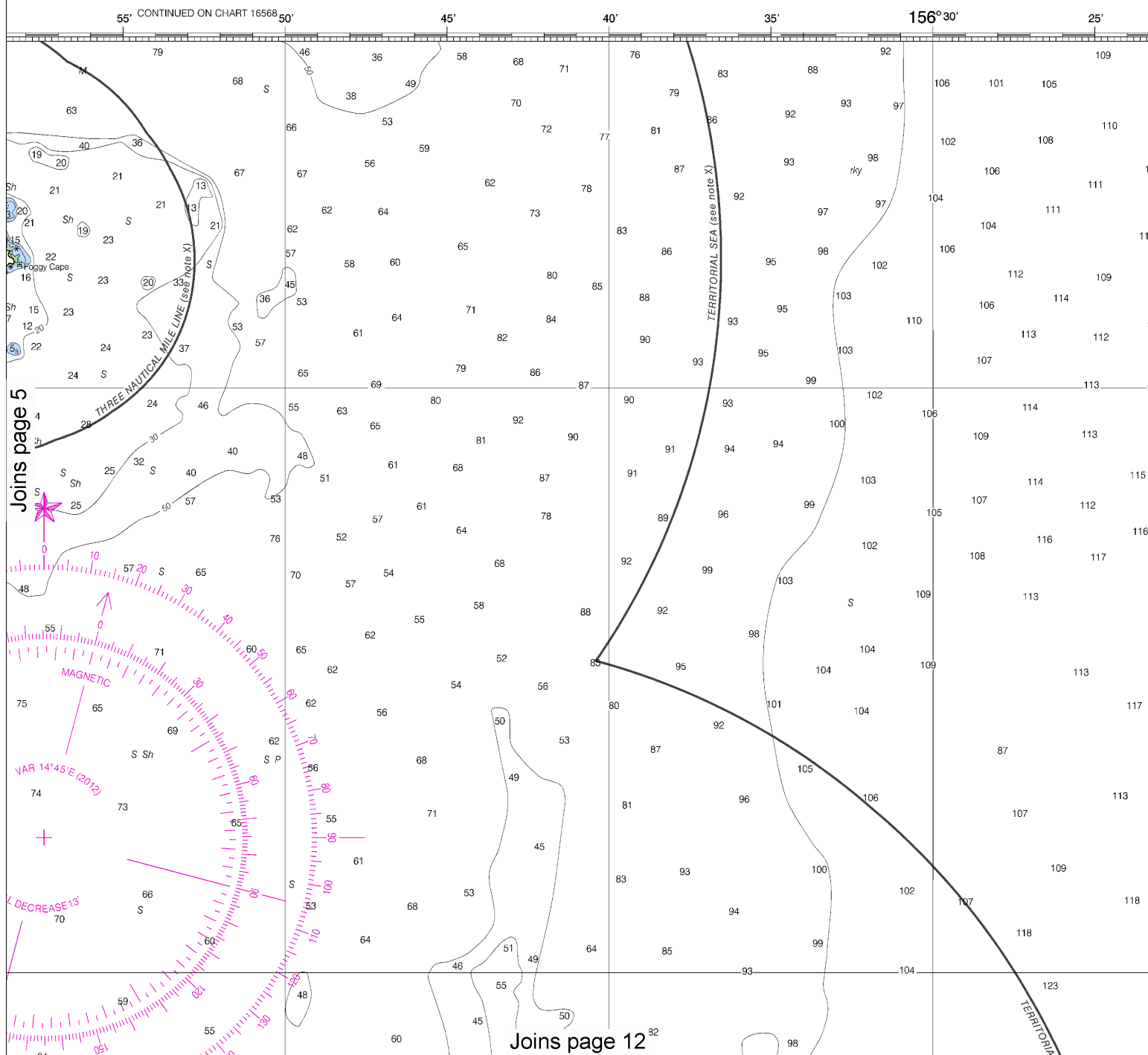
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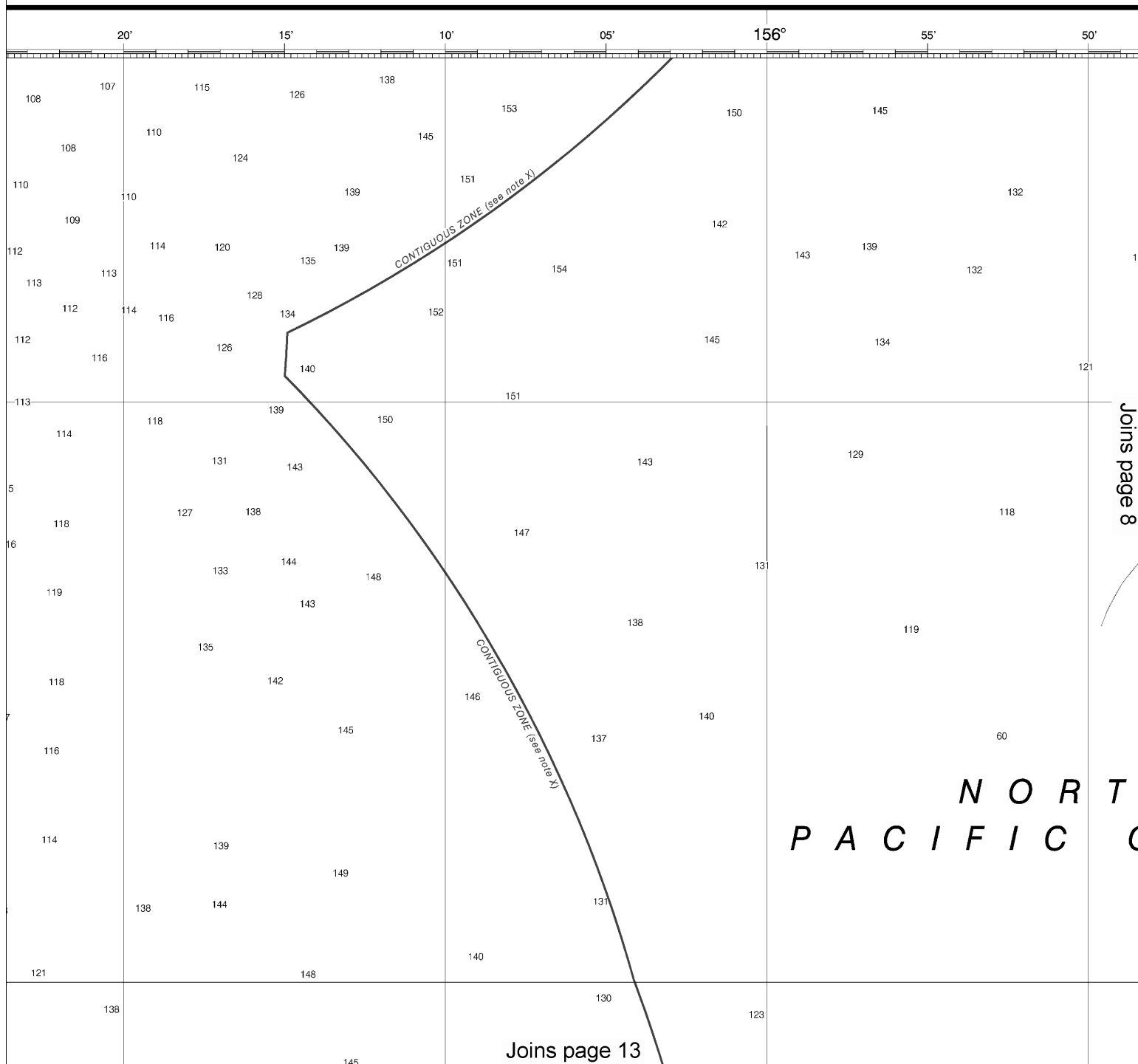
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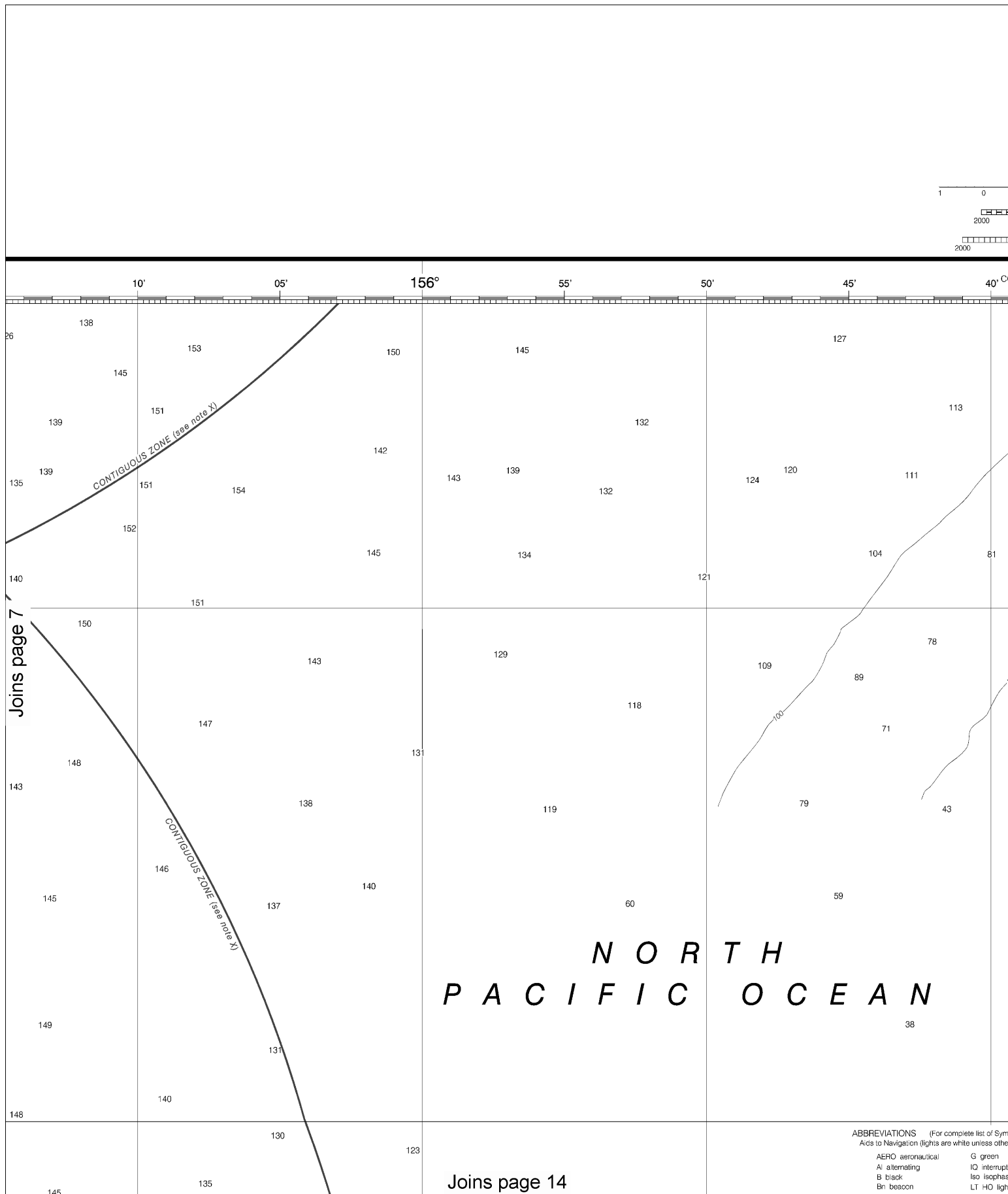


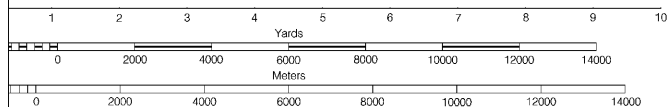
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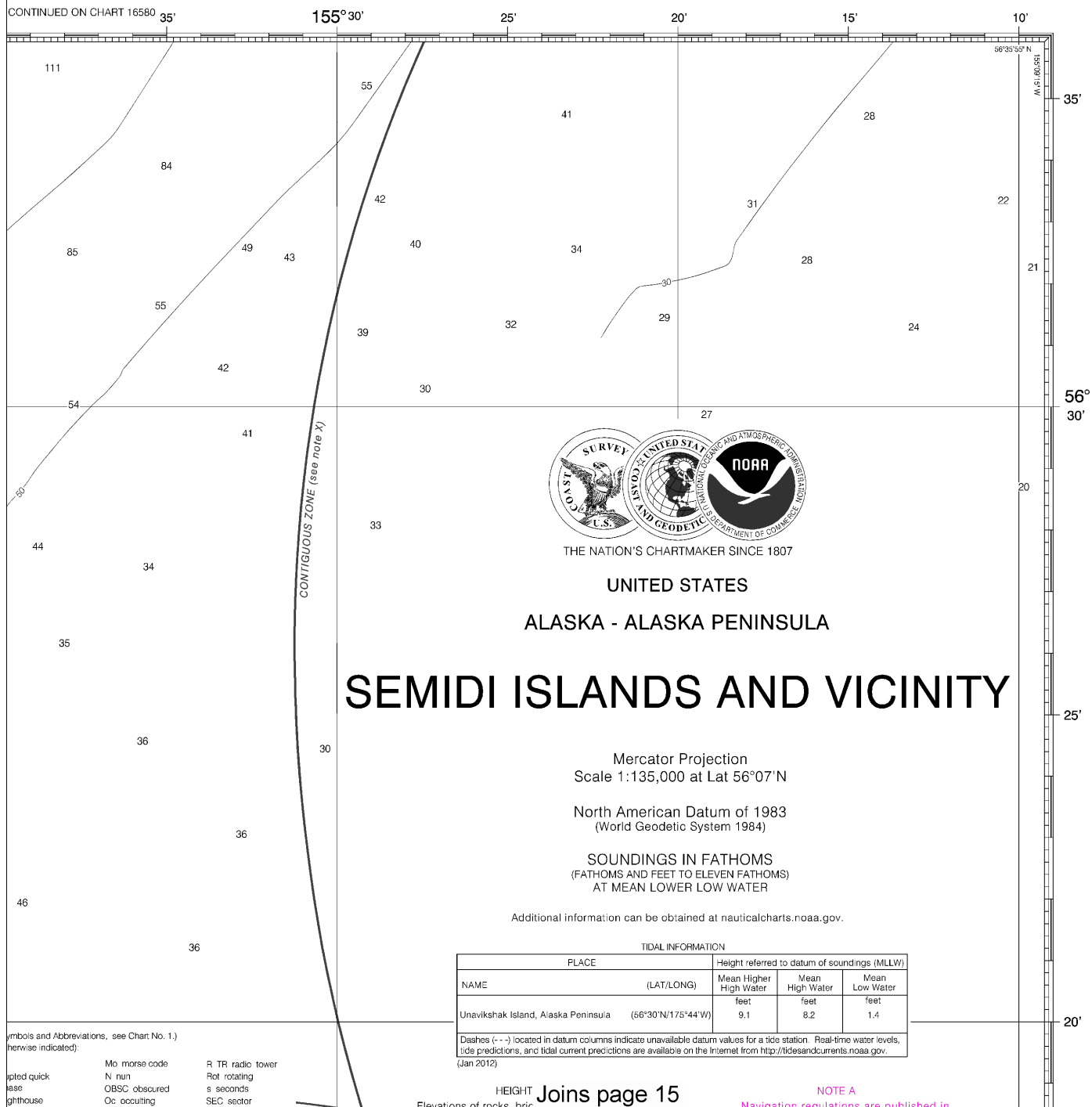


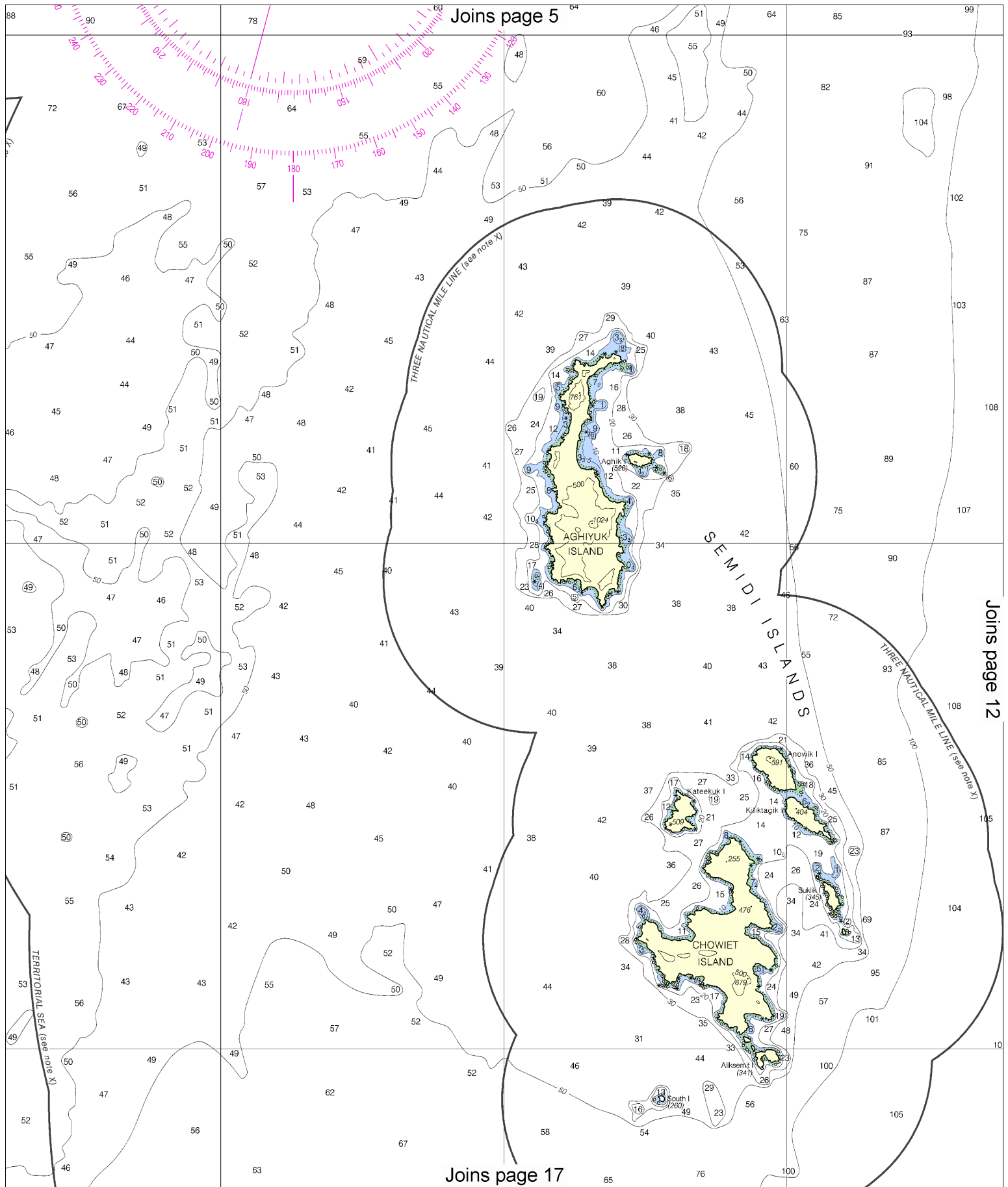


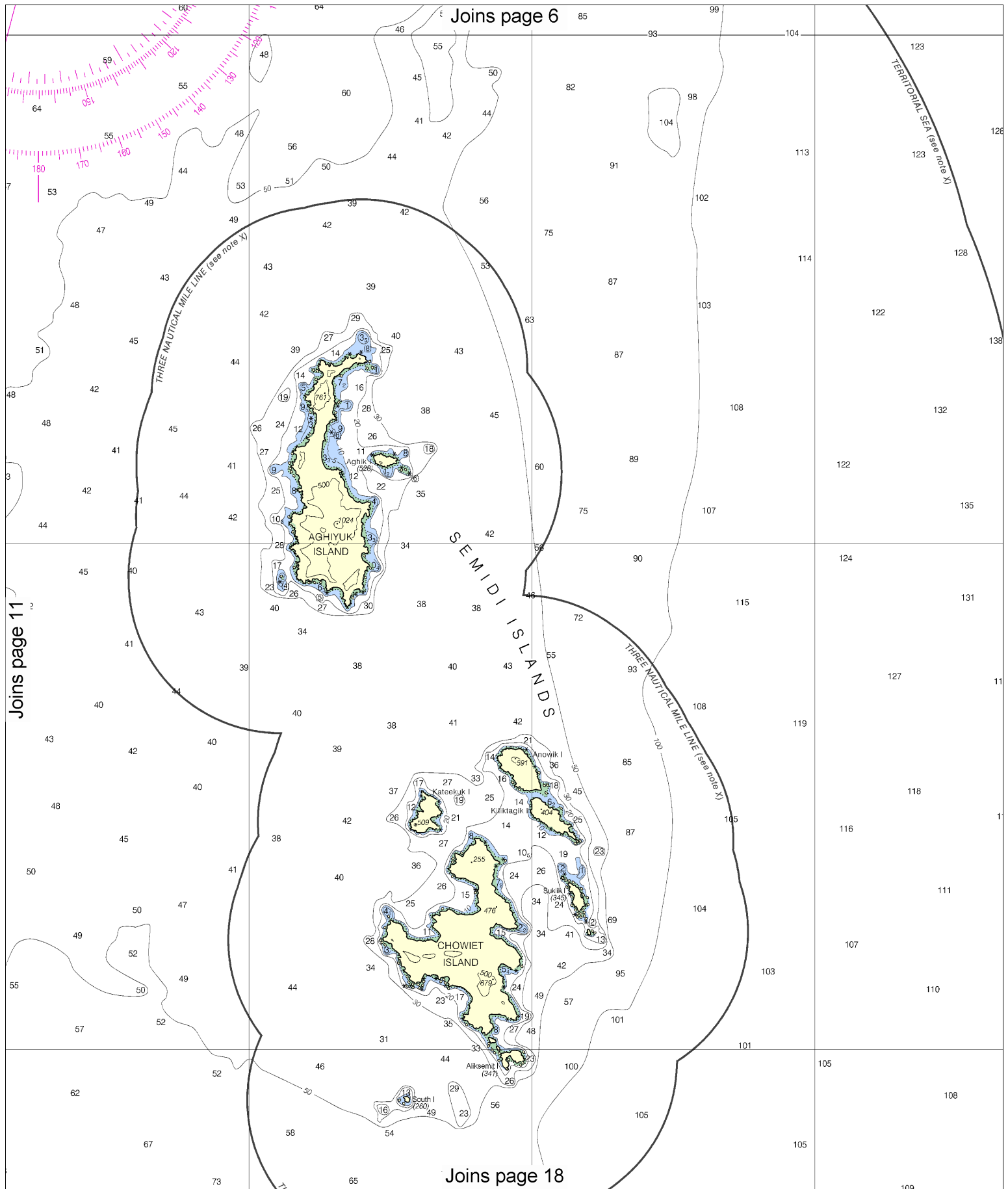


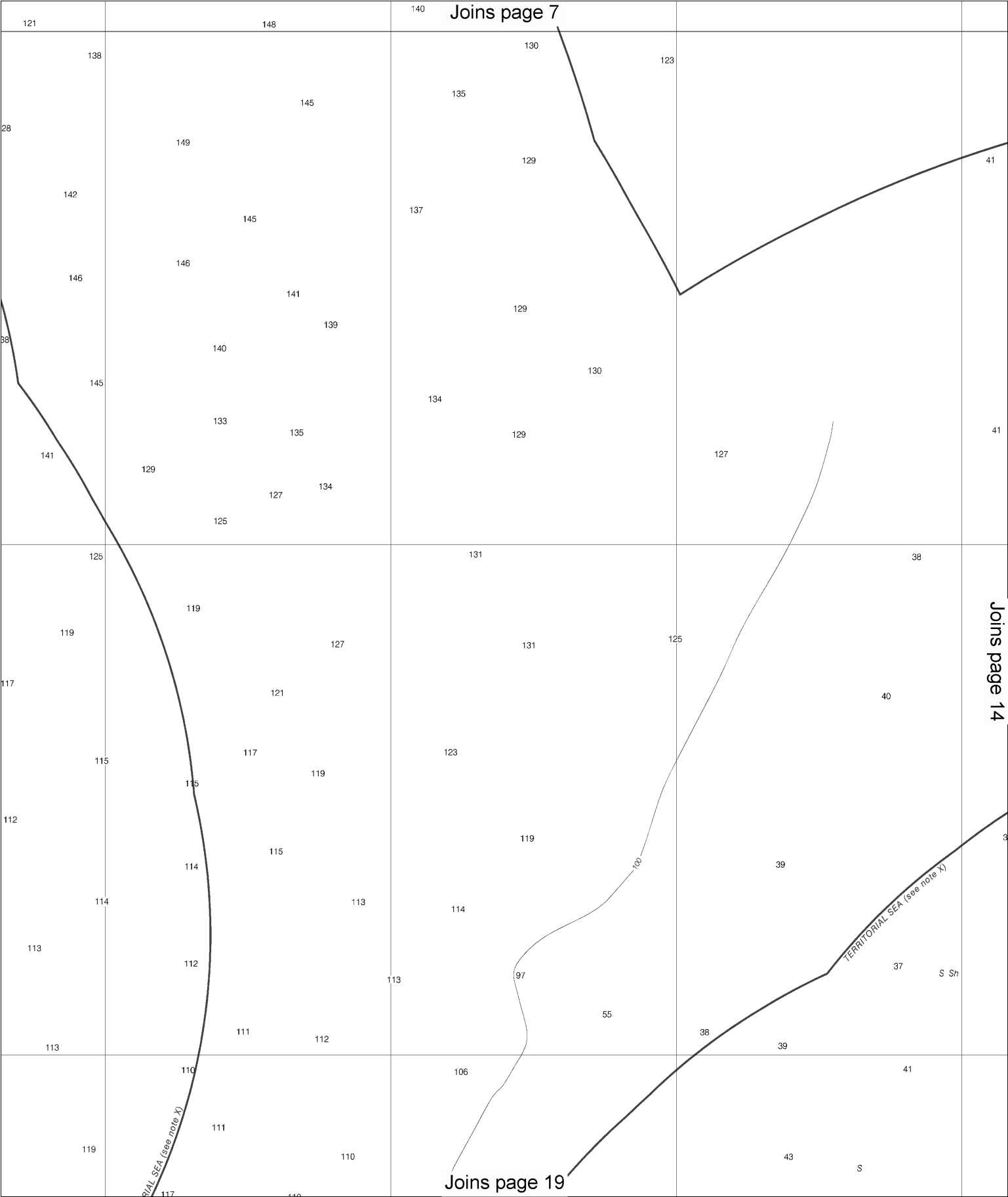
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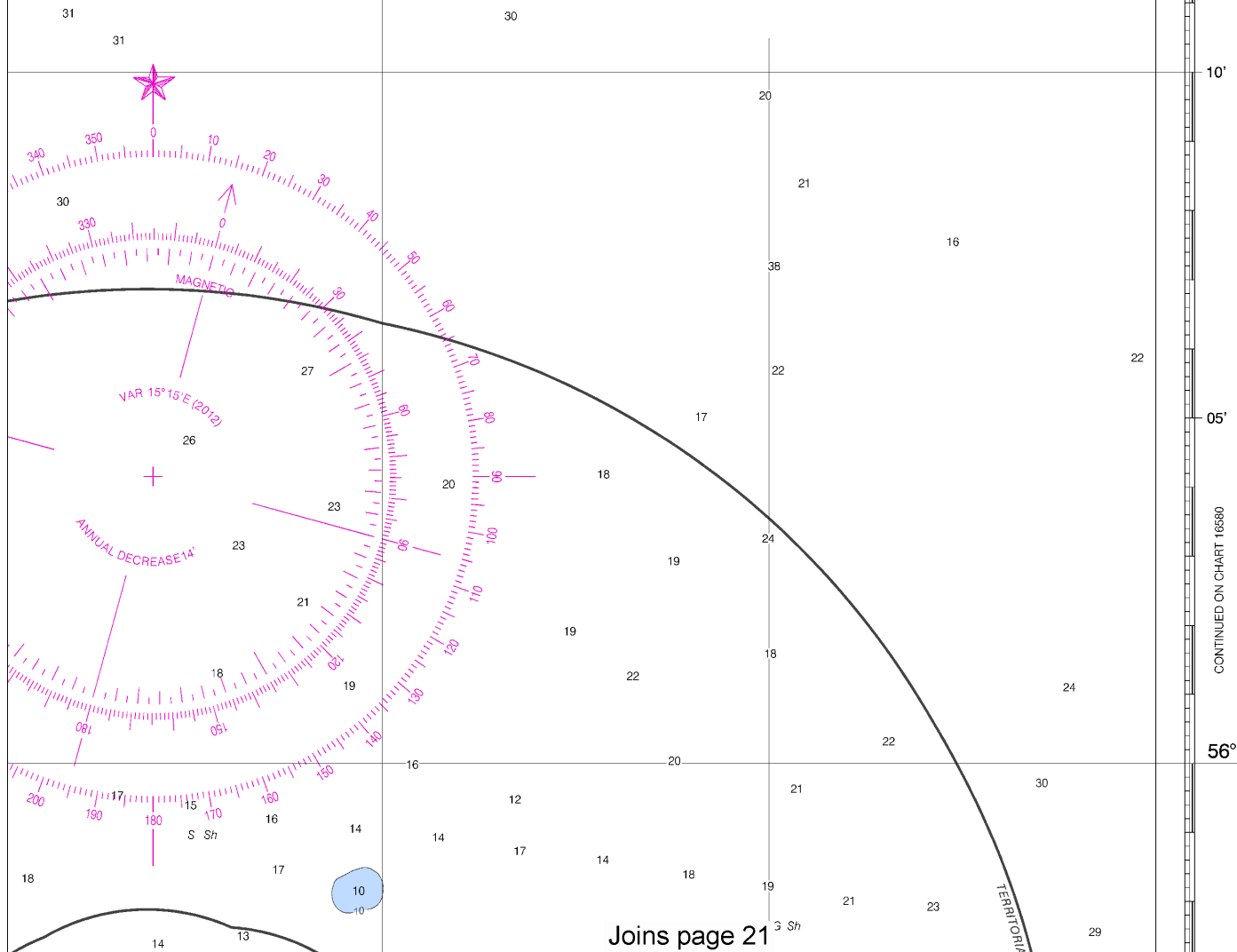
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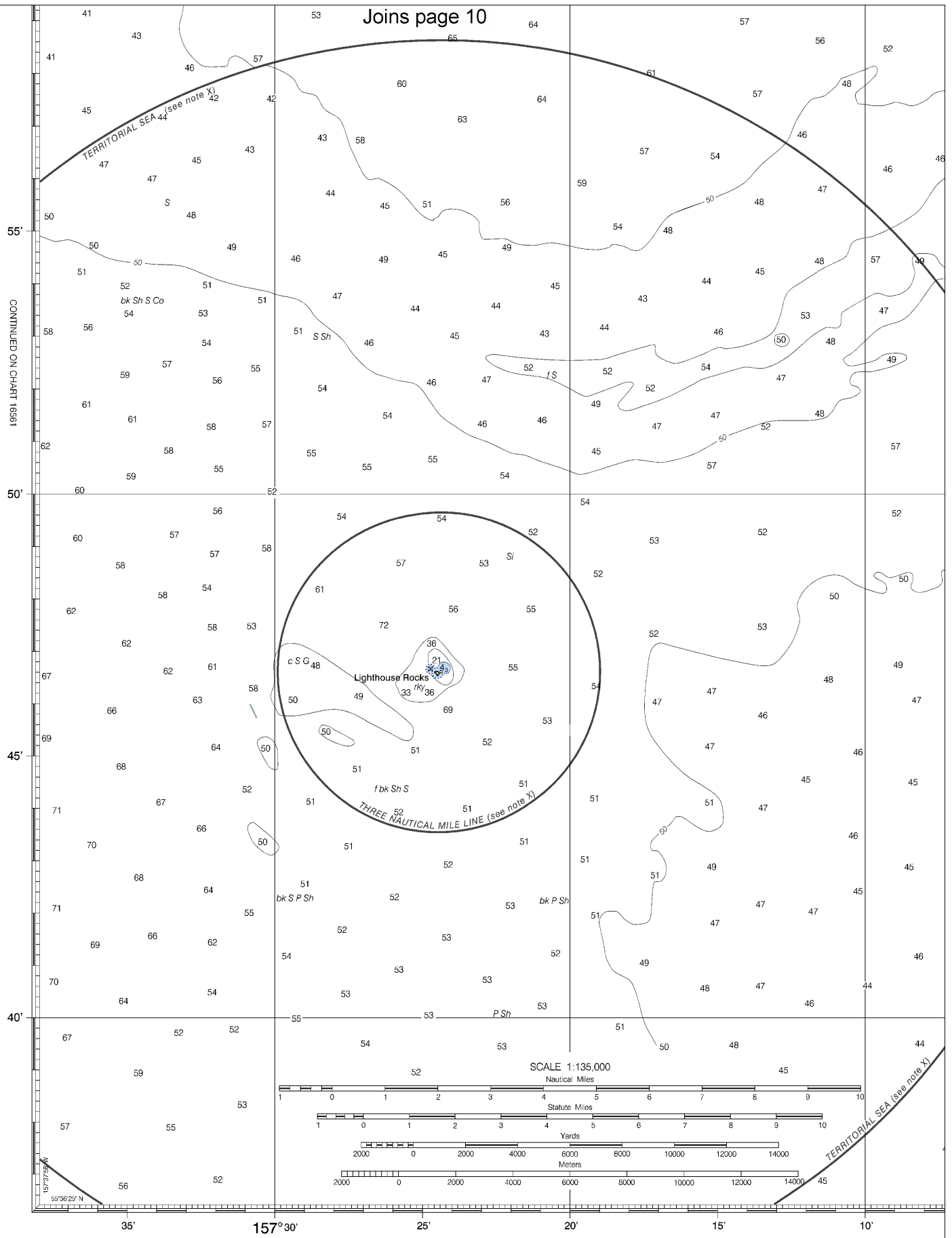
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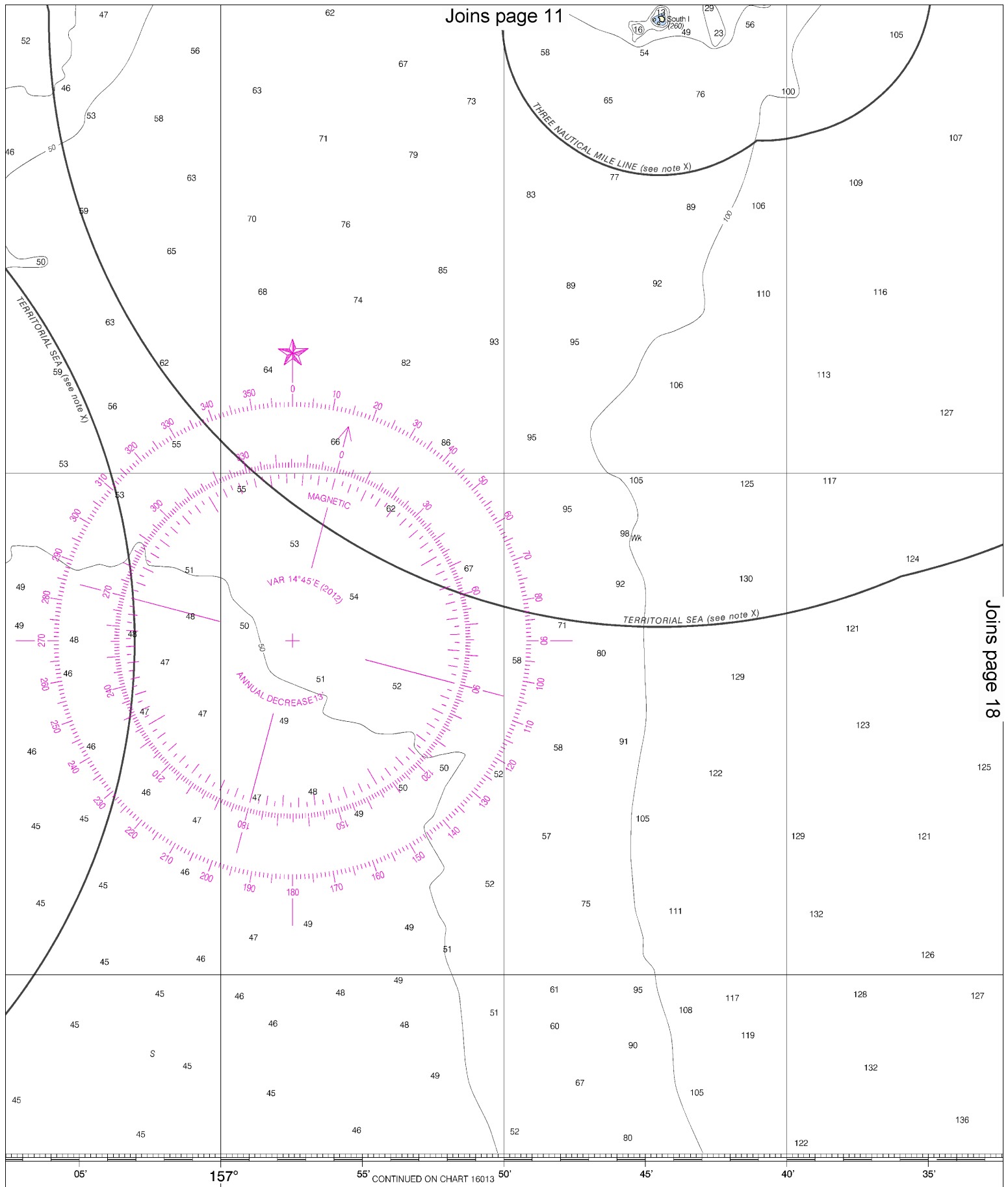
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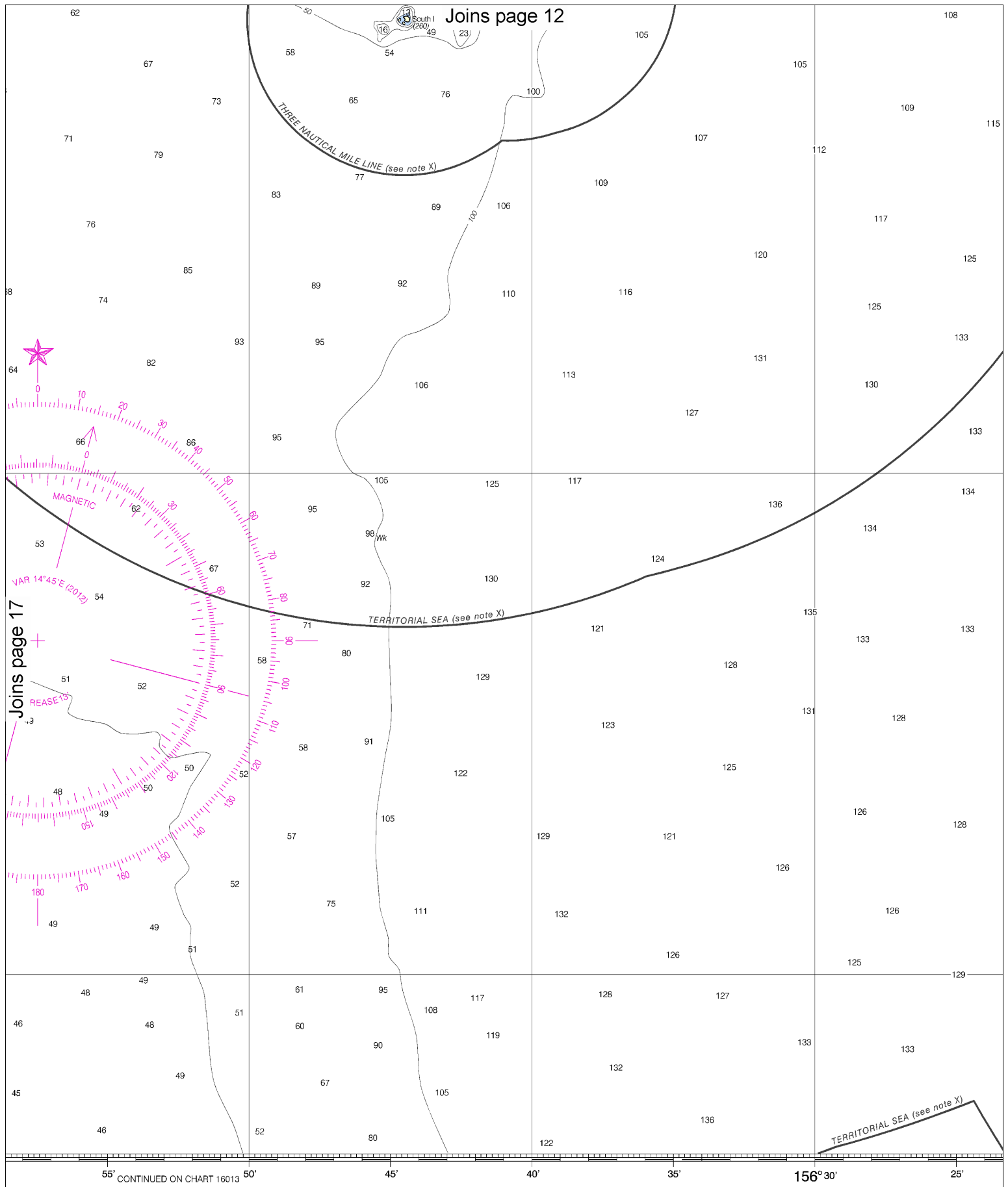
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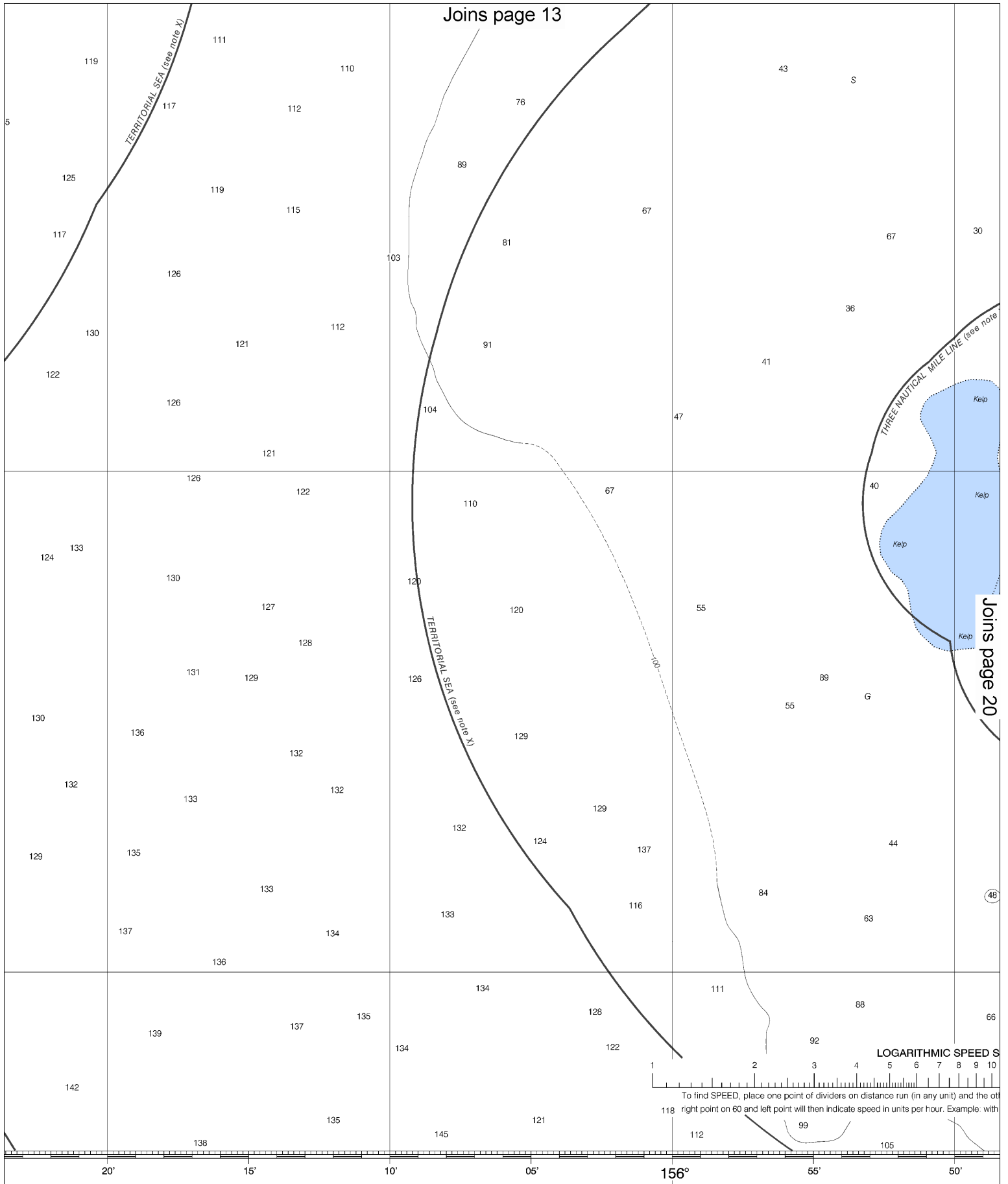




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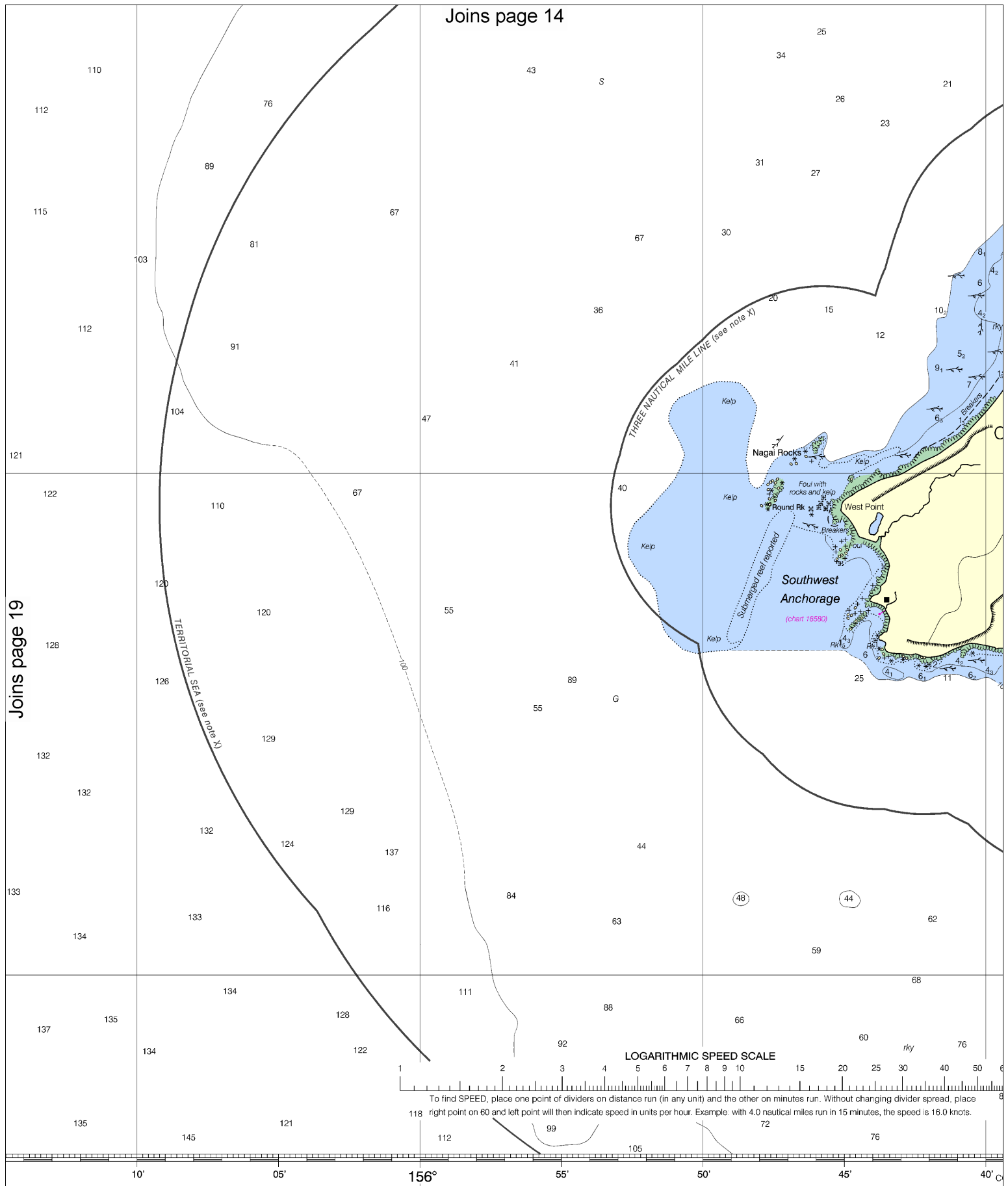
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Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

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- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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